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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

16. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable

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along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the air bag.

17. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the air bag,

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said first and second tear lines having a combined length less than the length of said tear seam in said cover wall.

18. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable

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along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the
air bag,

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said horn switch including an envelope of
electrically insulating material extending around said first
and second layers of electrically conductive material, said
envelope including a first portion extending around said first
portion of said first layer and including a second portion
which is spaced from said first portion and which extends
around said second portion of said second layer.
